

Appl. No. : 10/036,957
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REMARKS

Discussion of Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification for not having all priority applications identified by application number.

Applicant respectfully amends the paragraph at page 2 lines 10-13 to delete the placeholder "--/---,---," and replace it with application number "60/338,004,". Applicant also amends the paragraph at page 26 lines 16-19 to delete the placeholder "--/---,---," and replace it with the application number "10/022,454,". Additionally, Applicant amends the paragraph at page 26 lines 16-19 to identify the application as "now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,556,455, ".

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Discussion of the Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-37 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,556,455.

Applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the double patenting rejection. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the double patenting rejection in light of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-37 would be allowable if the double patenting rejection is overcome. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-37.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant has endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of these amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

If there are any impediments to allowance of the claims that can be resolved with a telephone call, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the undersigned. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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